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- 1. UNDER SECRETARY D.O. DEDE, STEEL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, ALSO DISCOURAGES MCKEE VISIT AT THIS TIME. HE SAYS MINISTRY IN PROCESS OF DRAWING UP PROJECTS' TERMS OF REFERENCE. WHEN THESE READY INTERESTS FIRMS WILL BE CONTACTED. PROPOSALS ALREADY SUBMITTED MAY THEN HAVE TO BE AMENDED. DEDE SAYS HE TOLD THIS TO MCKEE AND OTHER INTERESTED FIRMS DURING WASHINGTON VISIT ONE MONTH AGO. HE SAYS TERMS WILL BE READY THIS YEAR BUT THERE LITTLE POINT IN DETAILED CONSULTATIONS UNTIL THEY READY.
- 2. PERMANENT SECRETARY JODA VERY DIFFICULT TO CONTACT BUT NO DOUBT WOULD HAVE SAME ADVICE AS ADEGBOYE AND DEDE.
- 3. IF MCKEE REPRESENTATIVE COMING WITH PETROLEUM ENGINEERING EXECUTIVES EARLY DECEMBER THERE NO HARM IN HIS TOUCHING STEEL BASES THEN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND SPECIAL JOURNEY TO LAGOS ON STEEL IN VIEW FMG ADVICE AGAINST IT. EASUM

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